

Town of Fairhaven

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Finance Committee

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Minutes of the meeting for <November 5, 2018> at the Town Hall 2nd floor auditorium,
40 Center St., Fairhaven, MA

Members in attendance:

Padraic Elliott, Robert A. Furtado, Lisa Plante, Kathi Carter, Bernard F. Roderick, Thomas Alden, Tracey A. Diggins, Jessica Dwelly

Town of Fairhaven:

Mark Rees- Town Administrator (joined meeting @ 8:45 PM.)

Wendy Graves- Collector/Treasurer/Finance Director

Meeting was covered by government access television.

Chairman Pat called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM. Announced that the meeting was being recorded by government access TV. Chairman has to be notified if anyone else present is recording the meeting by video or audio.

Motion made by Lisa to accept the minutes from October 25, 2018. Seconded by Jessica. Vote: Unanimous

- Committee meets after attending the Selectmen's meeting to hear the Rogers School Proposal.
 - Discussion of the proposal that was offered for the school.
 - Discussion of alterations that could happen to the building.
 - Bob states the proposal made mention of seeking discounted building permit fees and taxes. Bob states he doesn't feel this is fair to others in town.
 - Tom states there was no definitive discussion of the building remaining historically accurate.
 - Discussion of getting the building back on the tax rolls being in the best interest of the town.
 - Tom questions why everyone isn't working together on this.
 - Chairman states Town Meeting is authorizing Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the developer.

- Discussion of there still being a lot of unanswered questions about the design of the building.
- Tom asks what the financial impact of this is.
- Chairman states there is no purchase price listed on the Warrant.
- Tom motions to recommend the plan "as is".
- Chairman reads the Article as it is written in the Warrant.
 - Tom motions to Recommend Approval at Town Meeting as the Warrant is written. Seconded by Lisa.
- Bob asks to clarify exactly what we are voting on. States this is not what Tom stated the first time.
- Tom withdraws his first motion. We are voting on what is listed in the Warrant.
- Chairman considers other motions.
- Kathi questions whether we need to vote for anything.
- Chairman states this is the same way Oxford School was done. Town Meeting authorized the Selectmen to act.
 - Kathi motions to recommend Indefinite Postponement. There is no second.
- Chairman states there are still a lot of unanswered questions, but the building has been sitting there for a number of years, with several RFP's, and this is the only offer we have to consider.
- Discussion that we need to have some trust in the Selectmen.
 - Vote on Tom's motion to Recommend Approval of Article 10- Sale of Rogers School. Motion passes 7-1 with Kathi opposed.
- Mr. Rees states the Academy Building will not be able to obtain funding from CPC for Article 4. The money will have to come from Surplus Revenue.
 - Tom motions to Recommend Approval of Article 4 in the amount of \$45,000 funded from General Fund Surplus Revenue. Seconded by Lisa. Vote: Unanimous

9:12 PM. Lisa motions to adjourn. Seconded by Jessica. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert A. Furtado
Finance Committee Secretary

accepted 2/14/2019

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